

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## IN RECOGNITION OF DONATED DENTAL SERVICES

**HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 26, 2003*

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions of Donated Dental Services to the dental health of elderly, disabled and medically compromised individuals across the nation.

The freedom and individual rights at the core of our society come from a shared responsibility for the health and well-being of our communities and for each other. Many members of the dental profession embrace this responsibility by offering their professional services to vulnerable individuals.

Since 1986, some 10,000 volunteer dentists across 32 states have provided an estimated \$50 million in comprehensive dental care to 44,000 needy individuals. The large volume of participation in Donated Dental Services clearly signifies a socially responsible and commendable commitment to expanding access to dental services for the underserved.

Through a coordinated effort, Donated Dental Services will soon endeavor to double its humanitarian service potential by adding 10,000 more volunteer dentists from across the country. This effort holds the promise of ensuring thousands more underserved Americans will receive access to dental care, thereby improving their quality of life and general well-being.

I commend the thousands of dentists who volunteer their time with Donated Dental Services, and I congratulate the program for their commitment to increase charitable care for our nation's underserved.

## RECOGNITION OF KEVIN "MAX" COLDREN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 26, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin "Max" Coldren, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Max has been very active with his troop, working on his God & Church award and attending the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for four years where he became brave in the tribe of MIC-O-SAY in 2001. Over the four years he has been involved in scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, den chief and bugler. Max also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements by becoming a

brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Max worked with doctors and nurses of Medical Aid for Children of Latin America (MACALA), helping them prepare for their 2003 journey to provide surgical and medical aid to the children of the Dominican Republic. Max and his team of scouts and scouters sorted, counted, packed and prepared for shipment medical supplies required for this mission. In addition, Max collected over 300 stuffed animals for the mission so that each child could receive a gift following surgery.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin "Max" Coldren for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## TRIBUTE TO CITY OF HOPE HOSPITAL AND BECKMAN INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 26, 2003*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. I rise to acknowledge the contributions of Philadelphia's own Sarah and Rubin Herman Chapter of the City of Hope Hospital and Beckman Institute of Research. As this institution celebrates its 40th year, its unwavering commitment to both the community and the medical field remain unparalleled.

The Philadelphia chapter is composed of 70 local women, ages 60–85, who have dedicated countless hours of their time to support fund-raising efforts and events. Last year alone, they raised \$35,000 to assist doctors and research scientists in their on-going battle to find a cure for various life-threatening diseases.

The Sarah and Rubin Herman Chapter of the City of Hope Hospital and Beckman Institute maintain an exemplary level of enthusiasm about and dedication to volunteerism. They stand steadfast in their mission to provide hope for a brighter future for the survivors of life threatening diseases and their families. I hope that all of my distinguished colleagues will join me in recognizing the contribution that has been made to Philadelphia, to Pennsylvania and to our great nation.

## HONORING DRUG FREE WEEK ESSAY WINNER

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 26, 2003*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special student from Gladewater, TX, Brittany Linder, who was a

grand prize winner in the Red Ribbon Week "I am drug-free because..." essay contest sponsored by the city of Longview Partners in Prevention. Brittany represents Weldon Intermediate school in the Gladewater independent school district and is a fourth-grade student of Mrs. Cathy Bedair. She is the daughter of John and Blane Linder and the granddaughter of my longtime friend Carolyn Linder.

According to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, although recent trends in youth drug use have stabilized, the rates of use remain at high levels. Youth substance abuse, as we know, can lead to many other problems, including the development of delinquent behavior, anti-social attitudes and numerous health risks. These problems not only impact the child but also the child's family, friends, community and ultimately society as a whole.

Brittany speaks to this issue in her essay: "I am drug free because if I take drugs, I would not be able to realize my dreams. I would not be able to be a good teacher, or mother. If I take drugs, I would hurt valuable brain cells and when I found my dreams, I would not be able to do it."

The essay entries from area fourth-graders were judged by LeTouneau University students. Throughout our Nation, dedicated teachers, parents, clergy, law enforcement officers, healthcare providers, local government officials and community volunteers are involved in various drug-prevention programs that raise awareness among our young people of the dangers of drug use and help those already suffering the consequences of such use. Beginning these programs at a young age is one key to their success, and I commend programs such as the Drug Free Week essay contest that seek to instruct and involve our young people in this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Brittany on her winning essay and commend her for taking a strong stand against the use of drugs.

## INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ROH MOO HYUN OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 26, 2003*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of the inauguration of President Roh Moo Hyun of the Republic of Korea (ROK) on February 25, 2003. His inauguration marks a new opportunity for peace on the Korean peninsula and a stronger relationship with the United States.

President Roh represents a new generation of South Korean leaders that have been entrusted with an awesome responsibility to protect democracy in an age of growing instability and open hostility on the Korean peninsula. South Korea has grown into a country that has successfully transformed into a thriving, democratic nation over the last several decades. I am confident that under the leadership of

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